

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEIL ARMSTRONG TEST FACILITY RENAMING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today I introduce bipartisan legislation to rename NASA's Plum Brook Station in Sandusky, Ohio in honor of Neil Armstrong. Plum Brook is part of the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center and is home to unique world-class facilities that conduct critical and innovative ground tests for the international aerospace community. Plum Brook Station is testing a new generation of space exploration hardware for NASA's efforts to explore the lunar surface and to again land humans on the Moon. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Senators BROWN (D-OH) and PORTMAN (R-OH).

Ohio is not only the birthplace of aviation, it is also the birthplace of one of human history's all-time great explorers and aviators: Neil Armstrong, the first man to ever set foot anywhere other than on our planet Earth. A native Ohioan, Neil Armstrong served as a Navy pilot and later served the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) at the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, now known as north east Ohio's NASA John H. Glenn Research Center, of which NASA Plum Brook is affiliated.

Armstrong's 'small step for man, one giant leap for mankind' has gone down as one of the most significant and memorable events in human history. Armstrong has inspired countless young people to pursue careers in aviation and public service, young people who will carry on and build upon his immeasurable legacy. It is an honor to introduce this bipartisan legislation alongside Rep. GONZALEZ in the House and Senators BROWN and PORTMAN in the Senate. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING FALLEN PARATROOPERS OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 81 paratroopers of the Army

of the Republic of Vietnam whose remains will find a final resting place in Orange County this weekend.

These brave soldiers—whose names we may never know—were killed in 1965 aboard an American plane and died alongside 4 American crew members. For the last 33 years, the commingled remains of these paratroopers had remained in Hawaii, their destination unknown. After years of ambiguity, they will be laid to rest in the heart of the Vietnamese community in the United States.

This weekend's service reminds us of America's enduring commitment to our allies and partners, to those who stand beside us in the face of great peril to themselves and their families. For too long, South Vietnamese soldiers who fought and died alongside American forces have not received the recognition they earned.

I am proud to represent a community that remembers those South Vietnamese fighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice standing alongside American servicemembers. I join the Vietnamese-American community—especially the ARVN veterans not only in Orange County but across our nation—in remembrance and appreciation for these paratroopers.

I urge all members to join me in recognizing the South Vietnamese fighters who fought alongside United States forces during the Vietnam War, especially those 81 who will be laid to their final resting place in Orange County this weekend.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to recognize and honor Children's National Hospital Board Chair Michael J. Williams for his leadership and dedication to the health and well-being of children and families in the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Mr. Williams' service to Children's National and the children and families of the District of Columbia, the national capital region and beyond has been notable and profound. During his five years as Chair, Children's National has served 22,000 patients in its hospital and 650,000 through its clinics.

Through his leadership, Children's National has continued to achieve and improve its

ranking by US News & World Report as one of the Top 10 Pediatric Hospitals in the country and for three years in a row it has been ranked as the country's No. 1 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Further, Children's National achieved Magnet designation for Outstanding Nursing Care during Mr. Williams' last year as Chair.

During Mr. Williams' tenure as Chair, Children's National launched the creation of the Children's National Research & Innovation Campus at the former Walter Reed Medical Center. This will be the first of its kind in the nation to focus on pediatric research and innovation. It will also be the home to JLABS @ Washington, DC, a collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Innovation LLC, providing incubation space for companies that are seeking to advance the development of new drugs and medical devices, including applications in pediatrics. Children's National also entered into another key partnership aimed at improving access to health care for a unique patient population when it integrated with the HSC Health System.

Even though Mr. Williams retired as Chair of the Board on October 1, 2019, I am pleased that he will continue his service to children by remaining on the Children's National Board through June 2020. In addition, he will be a Director on the board of the HSC Foundation.

As Chair, Mr. Williams has skillfully and successfully guided Children's National through a period of significant change.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to honor Michael J. Williams for his leadership and service to Children's National, and for the exceptionally valuable contributions he has made to the health and welfare of children and families of the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I was attending a funeral Monday afternoon and was not able to get back before the votes concluded. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call No. 568; "yea" on Roll Call No. 569; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 570.